

**BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 11 June 2020**

**Present:** Mr P Atkins (Chairman), Mr S Hulme (Vice chairman), Mr A Vernon, Mrs P Massey, Mr K Massey, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk) and from the Parish Mr A Brown

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 5 March 2020 were agreed and signed

**Planning Applications**

P/2020/00315 Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to facilitate the re-opening of blocked up passageways between Cloister House and Oriel House including relocation of WC, Oriel House, Blithfield Hall Drive, Blithfield Hall, Admaston – ESBC grants Listed Building consent 19 May 2020.

P/2020/00022 Crown reduction of 7 cherry trees and 2 Silver Birch trees to a height of 8.2 metres, Admaston Farmhouse, School Lane, Admaston – this application has been withdrawn by the applicant.

P/2019/01110 Retention of 2 metre high fencing, static caravan and a porta cabin, Leaway, Lea Lane, Newton – the Parish Council has not yet received any further information from ESBC on this application.

P/2020/00206 Retention of driveway and container and continued use of agricultural land as garden and farm building as garage and car port, Cherry Tree House, Smithy Lane, Admaston – The Parish Council has not yet received any further information from ESBC on this application.

**Financial**

<u>Payments Received</u>	£
ESBC Half Year Precept	2,383.00
<u>Payments Made</u>	
Mrs D Clarke – Six months' salary to 31 March 2020	875.16
Mrs D Clarke – Expenses to 29 February 2020	161.69
EA Roy – Web Page Maintenance	120.00
BHIB – Parish Council Insurance up to June 2021	349.38
Horninglow & Eaton Parish Council – Food Bank donation	150.00
<u>Payments Due</u>	
Charity donations of £50 each to Katherine House Hospice, CPRE, British Heart Foundation, St Giles Hospice, Midlands Air Ambulance, Donna Louise Hospice, Rugeley & District Community First Responders	350.00

**Accounts**

The Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 was perused, approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Accounting Statements were perused, approved and signed by the Responsible Officer and Chairman.

**Correspondence**

ESBC – Parish Council Forum – via email – it was decided that a watching brief be made  
ESBC – Letter from Councillor George Allen – this was noted

**Any Other Business**

Broadband and Mobile Phone Networks – The Chairman reported that he was devising a questionnaire to be circulated around Blithfield so that the Parish Council could gather information on how bad the connections were to both networks. In the meantime he has emailed Michael Fabricant MP who has referred the matter to the relevant Government Minister for consideration and response.

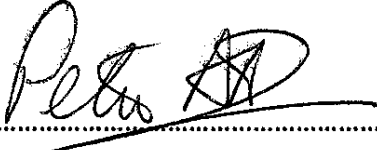
Damaged wall around Newton Telephone Box – It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to a parishioner who has instigated the repair. The wall has now been perfectly renovated to bring it back to its original condition.

Attention was once more drawn to the speeding traffic across the causeway over the reservoir and down Admaston bank towards Rugeley, and also to the litter problem at each end of the causeway. The Chairman agreed to investigate further how this problem could be resolved.

**Next Meeting**

After discussion, the Councillors decided that the next Ordinary General Meeting of Blithfield Parish Council will be scheduled to take place at Admaston Village Hall on Thursday 2 July 2020, bearing in mind social distancing.

With there being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Signed .....  ..... Date ..... 2 July 2020 .....